(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) to (d) Various amendments to the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 are proposed based on the requirements of the social partners and in consonance with economic reforms. A cautious policy is adopted to bring about any amendments in the Industrial Disputes Act after taking into consideration all the relevant factors.

Indian Labour Conference

4196. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN :

SHRI GAYA SINGH :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the 36th session of the Indian Labour Conference was held in Delhi on 15th and 16th April, this year; and

(b) if so, the details of the subjects discussed and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) The 36th Session of the Indian Labour Conference was held on 14th and 15th April, 2000.

(b) The Conference considered and discussed agenda items relating to industrial sickness, workers' participation in industry and workers' education. As an effort to revive and restructure public sector enterprises, the Conference recommended setting up of a separate restructuring fund and constitution of a fully empowered Restructing Commission. The Conference accepted the Principle of participation of workers in industry for the benefit of social partners and government. It also recommended institution of a National Revolving Fund for labour education and setting up of Labour Academies by State Govts. to provide quality education to the children of workers.

Welfare Schemes for Beedi Workers

4197. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the details of Central Schemes under which welfare of Beedi Workers are being ensured in the rural areas, and achievements made so far;

(b) whether Jajpur and Cuttack Districts of Orissa have a large number of Beedi Workers and no welfare activities including medical facilities are not being provided to them; and